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SUBJ: RHODESIAN SETTLEMENT PROPOSALS: JOINT US-UK PRESENTATION TO  
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1. IN A MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER PRINCE SAUD TODAY  
AUGUST 31 IN TAIF, AMBASSADOR AND BRITISH CHARGE OLIVER  
MILES MADE A JOINT PRESENTATION ON THE RHODESIAN SETTLEMENT  
PROPOSALS AND THE ZIMBABWE DEVELOPMENT FUND DRAWING ON REFTELS.  
PAPERS WERE LEFT INCLUDING AN AIDE-MEMOIRE ON THE PROPOSED  
DEVELOPMENT FUND.

2. PRINCE SAUD INQUIRED ABOUT THE PROGRESS OF BRITISH FOREIGN  
MINISTER OWEN'S AND AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S TALKS WITH THE VARIOUS  
POLITICAL LEADERS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. CHARGE MILES REPLIED  
THAT HIS EMBASSY HAD A REPORT THAT THE PRINCIPLE OBSTACLE  
WAS THE SMITH GOVERNMENT'S REFUSAL TO HAND OVER THE SECURITY  
FORCES TO AN AFRICAN GOVERNMENT. THEN SAUD ASKED WHETHER  
THE USG AND HMG ANTICIPATED THAT SMITH WOULD REJECT THE JOINT  
PROPOSALS. MILES REPLIED THAT HE HAD NO INSTRUCTIONS TO  
RESPOND TO THAT QUESTION.

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3. ON THE CREATION OF A ZIMBABWE DEVELOPMENT FUND, SAUD  
SAID THERE WOULD BE "NO PROBLEM" OF SAUDI PARTICIPATION IN  
SUCH A FUND ONCE A POLITICAL SETTLEMENT WAS REACHED. SAUD  
SAID THAT THERE WERE THREE AGENCIES ALREADY IN EXISTENCE--  
THE SAUDI DEVELOPMENT FUND, THE AFRO-ARAB BANK IN SUDAN,  
AND THE AFRICAN BANK IN ABIDJAN--THAT WOULD BE PREPARED TO

JOIN IN SUCH AN EFFORT. MILES REITERATED THAT THE FUND'S  
CREATION WAS CONTINGENT ON A POLITICAL SETTLEMENT.

4. SAUD SAID THAT HE DEEPLY APPRECIATED THE BRIEFING IN  
ADVANCE OF THE PUBLICATION OF THE WHITE PAPER AND THAT HE  
WAS HOPEFUL THAT THE PROPOSALS WOULD MEET WITH SUCCESS  
BECAUSE IF THE CONFLICT WAS NOT RESOLVED SOON THE CONSE-  
QUENCES WERE DIFFICULT TO CONTEMPLATE.  
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